

## WHIRLWIND OF CHANGE HITS THE POLICE FORCE

Three-Platoon System Back Soon—Driscoll and Booraem Out, and 129 Men Are Promoted.

M'KAY NOW FOURTH DEPUTY

McClusky Again Inspector, and in Addressing Men Gaynor Scores Cropsy, Whose Work He Has "Undone."

Police Headquarters were caught in a whirlwind of changes yesterday that made the oldest occupants think back for a more revolutionary day in the department, and most of them gave it up and said there never had been one. All records of promotion at one time were smashed by the advancement of 129 men in the force to higher positions, the Mayor himself being present to address them. Following this occurrence of the morning, in the afternoon the first Deputy Police Commissioner, Clement C. Driscoll, resigned, the Fourth Deputy, Alfred W. Booraem, did likewise, and Captain D. I. McKay was appointed to the Fourth Deputyship immediately and assigned to the duties formerly performed by Driscoll. This did not end the changes, for it was announced that the three-platoon system would be put in force within a few days.

The whirlwind seemed to have been especially prepared to clear all memory of the Cropsy regime out of Headquarters. George W. McClusky, who had been reduced from inspector to captain by Cropsy, was promoted back to inspector; three men who had been refused appointment by the former Commissioner received their places, and the entire forty-eight men he was said to have appointed illegally were reappointed in accordance with the views of the new regime as to how it should be done, along with thirty-eight additional men. The appointments were practically a reversal of Cropsy's policy, as he had refused to accede to the Mayor's desire in the matter on the ground that the men were not needed.

In his address Mayor Gaynor said many things which were accepted as scathing allusions to Cropsy and his ways. Speaking of his wish that all men be appointed in numerical order, according to the civil service lists, he said:

"Greatly to my surprise lately, I found in the Police Department that all this had been upset and men have been rejected for absolutely nothing. One had a flat foot, another had a murmuring heart. And there were other frivolous things; somebody was arrested some time in his life, one man for making a bonfire on Election Night. Think of it! I have had that all undone by a Commissioner who carried out my wishes in the Fire Department."

Police and Littleless.

"What does a policeman live for except for promotion? If it is all fines and dismissals and no promotions and no appointments you would not have any Police Department after a while."

"Just as soon as a man stirs about and talks loud and gives orders, as though he were a king, he shows the littleless. The big man exercises his power as little as he can, but the little man shows his littleless by trying to make everybody believe he is a big fellow. Of course, the contrary appears."

The Mayor before leaving the drillroom where the men assembled went on to say that although he had been informed that the three platoon system was impracticable, Commissioner Waldo had told him that it could be made practical, and that if the men wanted it, Waldo would put it into effect as soon as possible.

When Driscoll was asked if his action was voluntary he talked volubly.

"Absolutely voluntary," he said. "Absolutely! I simply would not stay any longer. I have no equal to make—I have had a great time while on the job, and I can say that I have worked hard—whether I have been able to accomplish anything or not I can't say. The first thing I shall do will be to take a much needed rest."

"But, believe me, Cropsy was the greatest Commissioner the city ever had. When you have worked beside a man as I have beside him, and have learned to love him, when he goes you don't want to stay. You may not believe it, but one of the men here in the office wept tears when he resigned. And there is one thing, which he was here never as much as that"—indicating an infinitesimal note on his clear—"of police ever got into this building. He was dead square."

"I gave my resignation to Commissioner Waldo verbally, and I told him," he went on, "that he was all right—he was the 'Big Commissioner' now, but he would get out within the first five minutes, and have been getting it ever since."

He spoke highly of Gaynor, but said that he had no idea whether or not there would be any place for him in the city government in any new capacity.

Waldo Praises McKay.

Waldo refused to discuss Driscoll's retirement, but in speaking of Captain McKay he said: "He is experienced in police work, and knows how to handle men. He knows how to enforce discipline without harshness."

Mr. Waldo said the first deputyship would remain vacant for the present, but that the new fourth deputy would perform the duties laid down by Driscoll. He explained that this change in the work assigned to the commissioners was merely an administrative matter, and added that probably the new first deputy would be put in charge of Brooklyn.

Commissioner Waldo refused to say what action would be taken as to the three platoon system, but it was known at Headquarters that within three days the change would be made.

Booraem will return to the law department as an assistant corporation counsel. Dougherty and Walsh, the second and third deputies, tendered their resignations yesterday, but they were not accepted.

D. I. McKay, the new fourth deputy, is in charge of the mounted police who guard the waterfront. He was said to have made his hit with the Mayor during his recent tour of inspection.

## TO COMMAND TRAFFIC SQUAD

McClusky Gets Largest District—Well Known 'Cops' Promoted.

The most conspicuous of the 129 appointments and promotions made yesterday by Police Commissioner Waldo in carrying out the Mayor's desires was the promotion of "Chesty" George McClusky to inspector, in charge of the traffic squad, the largest inspection district in the city, as there are 800 men under the inspector in charge. He was reduced by Cropsy on charges of neglect of duty.

The other captain to be advanced to an inspectorship was William J. Leahy, attached to the West 37th street station. He was assigned to the 24th District, which reaches from 14th to 42d street, west of Fourth avenue. Besides the advancement of these two captains to inspectorships, twelve lieutenants were raised to the rank of captain, forty-four sergeants were made lieutenants, seventy-one patrolmen sergeants, and eighty-six probationary men were made full-fledged "cops."

Among the lieutenants who became captains were none well known to the public. "Jimmy" Dunn has been in the department thirty-five years, long serving as chief aid to the various commanders in the Detective Bureau. He is said to have a world's record for the number of crooks he has met and knows personally.

Alfred W. Thor was often passed over by Commissioner Bingham when ordering promotions. W. P. Peabody was once dismissed for mixing in the "Gould divorce case" as a personal matter. Matthew McKee, of the harbor squad, has a record for rescues from drowning. C. F. Cohan, a patrolman ten years ago, Joseph Faurot introduced the Battalion system at Headquarters, and is one of the first finger print experts in the country. E. J. Bourke was first to shake Roosevelt's hand when he became Commissioner. He is at present attached to the Brooklyn Bridge squad and has accompanied the Mayor on most of his walks across the bridge.

A full list of lieutenants receiving promotion follows:

Edward J. Bourke, Bridge A. Alfred W. Thor, Ralph avenue station to the College Point station; James Dunn, Detective Bureau of Manhattan; William P. Peabody, from the Long Island City station to the White Star station; Marcellus McKee, Harbor Squad; Joseph A. Faurot, Detective Bureau; Frank J. Conboy, Knickerbocker station, Brooklyn, to Traffic C. Cornelius F. Cohan, Central Office to New Dorp station; Staten Island; George R. Wakefield, East 10th street station to Townsville, Staten Island; Henry Cohen, Detective Bureau, Manhattan, to Far Rockaway; John T. Rath, Ralph avenue station to Broadway station, Brooklyn; John Ivers, Morrisania station to City Island.

## LITTLE GIRLS MISS MAYOR

Complaint About Bad Fruit Lands Them in Police Station.

Patrolman Bishop was looking at the City Hall yesterday afternoon when a sixteen-year-old girl ran up, pointed to two miles of girls at the corner of the hall and said they were lost. The patrolman found them crying. Each had a rose and a decayed apple and one had an envelope on which was written "Mayor Gaynor."

Not knowing what else to do, the policeman took the children into the Mayor's office and perched them on one of the big sofas in the Mayor's public reception room while he reported the case to Lieutenant Kennel, the Mayor's aid.

Kennel took the letter into Robert Adamsen, the Mayor's secretary—the Mayor had gone for the day. Mr. Adamsen opened the letter and read a rambling story about some fruit dealer who had sold rotten apples to the children, and an expression of hope that the Mayor could find some way of punishing him.

Mr. Adamsen told Kennel to bring the children in to see him. He got from them the information that they were Dinna Tesheimer, three years old, and Dora Tesheimer, four years old, of No. 154 2d street. They said that "Abe" had brought them to the City Hall and then gone away.

Just then the sixteen-year-old boy who had called the policeman's attention to the children was seen lurking down the hall. The policeman pounced on him, and he acknowledged that he was the "Abe" who had brought the girls downtown. He said he thought the Mayor probably would send them home. His other name, he declared, was Moleman, and he was a half brother of the older girl.

The boy and the two girls were taken to the Elizabeth street station and word was sent to their parents to call for them.

COMMENDED BY MR. TAFT

President Praises Mrs. Black for Work in Behalf of Peace.

While Mrs. Elmer E. Black, chairman of the propaganda committee of the American Peace and Arbitration League, was entertaining forty-five prominent delegates at the Lake Mohonk peace conference at Shaker Falls, New York, she received a message from President Taft complimenting her work in the cause of peace. The Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Hill, pastor of the Metropolitan Temple, delivered the message, in which the President said:

"Present my compliments to Mrs. Black and congratulate her on the great work she is doing in behalf of the peace movement in which she is engaged."

The guests of honor at the luncheon given by Mrs. Black were the Right Rev. Dr. W. Moore Ede, dean of Worcester, England; the Rev. John Clifford, pastor of the Westbourne Park Baptist Church, Paddington, England; and the Rev. Dr. Sigmund Schultze, of Potsdam, Germany. Other guests were Bishop Green, of the Episcopal Diocese of New York; Professor George W. Kitchin, and Samuel C. Dutton, of Columbia University; Henry Clews, James B. Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Peace Endowment; Dr. Frederick Lynch, Judge A. T. Clearwater, Andrew B. Humphrey, secretary of the American Peace Arbitration League; and Mrs. Donald McLean.

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PLUMBERS SUE FOR REFUND

Lawyer Begins Suits to Recover Money the Controller Holds.

James H. Vincent, a former employee of the Bureau of Highways in the Borough President's office, but now a lawyer, has profited by his former employment by starting a series of suits to recover money from a \$50,000 fund in the hands of the Controller.

These suits are on behalf of plumbers to recover the difference between the amount of their deposit on getting permission to open a street and the amount actually spent by the city in replacing the pavement.

It has always been understood that the plumbers could get these rebates. As a matter of fact, however, they have usually charged the full amount to their customers and never bothered the city with such small amounts, it is understood, to about \$50,000.

## WHIRLPOOL GETS TWO BOYS

One Tries to Rescue Playmate as He Slides Into the Harlem.

BOTH DISOBEY MOTHERS

Had Been Warned to Stay Away from the Water—Police Vainly Search for Bodies.

Disregarding the warnings of their mothers not to play in or near the water, Julius Schiff, eight years old, son of Aaron Schiff, secretary of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and Nathan Brown, seven years old, were romping yesterday afternoon on a rock in the Harlem River, off the foot of 17th street, fell in, were swept away by a whirlpool, and both were drowned.

Julius Schiff was the youngest of three children and Nathan Brown was one of five children. They were playmates and attended Public School 156. The police said Julius Schiff lost his life trying to save his comrade.

Shortly after school closed Julius Schiff, his elder brother, Sidney, and the Brown boy left the Schiff home, No. 535 West 153d street, to visit a Mrs. Epstein, at 15th street and Amsterdam avenue. They did not find her at home, so went to the Speedway and walked down to 17th street, where Julius and Nathan took off their shoes and stockings, rolled up their trousers and made for a rock that runs out fifteen feet into the river.

Becoming bolder, they climbed over the side of the rock to dangle their feet in the water. It was slippery. Nathan Brown lost his hold and began to slide into the water. He cried to Julius Schiff to save him, and the little fellow struggled with one hand to hold to the rock and with the other hand tried to pull Nathan back to safety. A moment later both boys fell into the river.

Sidney Schiff heard the splash and the cries of the boys as he stood on the Speedway, but could not reach them. His shouts for help were heard by Joseph Gibbons, president of the Road Drivers' Association, and J. W. Campbell, who brought Mounted Patrolman Martin McGrath to the scene. The patrolman, assisted by Lawrence O. Carey, foreman of the Speedway, went out in a rowboat, but could not find the boys. Then Lieutenant Mott, of Harbor Squad B, in a police launch, started to recover the bodies, but could find no trace of them.

## RAILWAYS EXPECT 500,000

All Lines Plan for Great Throngs of Travelers To-day.

Railroad officials estimated yesterday that five hundred thousand New Yorkers would spend Memorial Day out of town. All lines were prepared to handle large crowds, and some expect to be taxed to their utmost capacity.

On the New York Central lines the through trains, beginning with Friday night, carried large throngs of holiday passengers. On Saturday the trains to the Adirondacks and to Niagara Falls were all running with extra equipment, and some in two or more sections.

The regular trains on this line are generally composed of ten cars, but the outgoing rush forced them to be equipped with twelve.

The New York New Haven & Hartford, the Pennsylvania, the Erie, the Lackawanna and the New Jersey Central all had their cars filled on regular through trains on Friday and Saturday, and yesterday many thousands left the city, not to return until Wednesday morning.

With the prospect of another clear and hot day, all the roads prepared yesterday for the suburban and excursion traffic to-day, which is expected to cause a car shortage on some of the roads.

According to the baggage men, this is a "strict vacation," and most persons have left their trunks in New York.

Work trains will be kept off the New York Central tracks to-day, as they were on Saturday, from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., to better facilitate the moving of passengers.

## POULTRYMEN HAD AGREEMENT

Pool Made in 1907 Offered in Evidence at Conspiracy Trial.

An agreement signed on February 11, 1907, by the eight live poultry commission merchants then forming the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants' Protective Association was placed in evidence yesterday in General Sessions at the trial of present members of that association on the charge of conspiring with certain live poultry jobbers to form a monopoly of the live poultry business in this city.

Under the agreement the signers bound themselves to stipulated prices and conditions for the sale of goods, to pool their earnings and divide the pool weekly.

George G. Brown, secretary of the association, who is not under indictment, was the only witness who testified during the trial. Former District Attorney Jerome, counsel for the nineteen defendants on trial, objected to the agreement being placed in evidence on the ground that the indictment charged the defendants with a conspiracy to monopolize the live poultry business in this city, and that it did not have any 1907 agreement, but expected to prove that there was such an agreement following the same lines as that of 1907. The trial will be continued to-day.

## FREES GEN. EWEN'S DAUGHTER

Court Dissolves Her Marriage to the Bogus Baron von Koentz.

With the handing down of the final order dissolving her marriage, the unhappy romance of Mrs. M. Louise Ewen von Koentz, one of the daughters of the late General John Ewen, who, on November 23, 1900, married in Jersey City the bogus Baron Otto von Koentz, was brought to an end yesterday. The order signed by Justice Garretson, in the Supreme Court, Long Island City, wipes out the marriage annulment given Mrs. von Koentz the right to resume her maiden name.

Soon after her marriage Mrs. von Koentz discovered that her husband, instead of being a baron, was an ex-convict, having served two terms in jail in New Jersey. During the trial the clerk of the court produced a photograph of Otto von Koentz as that of a prisoner who had served a term in the Trenton jail.

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## CLASH OVER RECIPROCITY

Farmers Oppose Measure, but Want Free Lumber.

HEARING ENDS TO-MORROW

Senator Penrose Hopes That the Bill Can Be Reported With-out Any Changes.

Washington, May 29.—With the announcement that the Senate Finance Committee, by taking all of Wednesday in which to hear witnesses on Canadian reciprocity, could complete its labors this week, the Senate this evening, by a vote of 30 to 17, adjourned until noon on Thursday.

Senator Penrose, of the committee, believes that the hearings can be closed when the committee rises on Wednesday, but consideration of amendments to the reciprocity bill may delay its report to the Senate until the first of the coming week. It is Senator Penrose's hope, however, that the bill can be reported without change.

A clash between interests opposed to reciprocity occurred at today's hearing. A. E. Chamberlain, of South Dakota, while speaking for the agricultural interests against the measure, nevertheless declared in favor of free lumber, because, he asserted, the farmer was channeled to pay entirely too much for his lumber. Representatives of the lumber interests also were present.

"I understand you to stand for free lumber," said Mr. Heyburn to Mr. Chamberlain. "Do you expect the lumber people to support you in your opposition to free wheat?"

"I am not here to do any political work," replied Mr. Chamberlain.

"You will be followed by representatives of the lumber interests of the Northwest," said Senator Heyburn, "and I want them to understand your position regarding their interests, so that they may make up their mind regarding yours."

Mr. Chamberlain said that he had seen a South Dakota "little book" which said from whom a man should buy his lumber. The trust or combination provided for that, and I do not see any excuse for the government protecting an industry that robs the people in that way."

E. G. Griggs, of Tacoma, speaking for the lumber people, said they wanted to see the farmer prosper because he was their best customer, but that the industry needed protection from the McManis, of Seattle, and J. H. Biedel, of Bellingham, also spoke for the lumber interests.

## GERMANY FOR ARBITRATION

Willing to Enter Into Treaty Negotiations with U. S.

Washington, May 29.—Germany to-day expressed her willingness to enter into negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty along the lines laid down by Secretary Knox in the tentative draft of this government's proposal, now in the hands of Great Britain and France. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, conveyed information to Secretary Knox, and asked for his view of the basic proposition of the United States.

The entrance of Germany brings four great powers into the negotiations for international peace, and it is believed by officials here that a great diplomatic accomplishment is not far distant.

The United States and Germany have no general arbitration treaty, even with questions of honor and vital interest excepted. The necessity of referring each dispute to the Senate for its approval of arbitration has invariably been the stumbling block in previous negotiations.

The German view has been that such a treaty committed Germany to arbitration without review by anybody, while the United States was committed only on condition of senatorial approval. This same question must be thrashed out in the new negotiations, as Secretary Knox's tentative draft provides for reference to the Senate.

## DELAY FOR LORIMER CASE

Senate After Long Debate Fails to Take Action—Split in Caucus.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, May 29.—A day of protracted debate on the subject of reopening the Lorimer investigation, the Senate, delayed by dilatory tactics on the part of Senator La Follette, again adjourned without reaching a decision. A caucus of the Democrats, after several hours of futile discussion, was split into independent and regular factions earlier in the day over the question of the method of selecting the investigating committee. The Democrats voted 14 to 11 to reconstitute the former committee to report the Martin resolution providing for a reinvestigation of the Lorimer case by the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The fight on the same point was carried to the floor of the Senate and reflected in speeches by Senators Cummins, Newlands, Pendergast, Martin and Dillingham. Senator Davis, of Arkansas, announcing his allegiance to the La Follette group, delivered a characteristic speech so abusive that the Senate rules forbidding impropriety had to be invoked to put a check on his outpouring of denunciation.

The general debate indicated a unanimous sentiment in favor of an immediate and a thorough investigation, and amendments intended to bring this about and to enable the investigating committee to overcome the obstacles which confronted the committee of the Illinois Senate were offered, but defeated, on the ground that they were unnecessary. Senator Martin, minority leader, called up his resolution, which will be offered as a substitute for the La Follette resolution. This was accepted by Senator Dillingham, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The Martin resolution, with certain modifications, will probably be adopted at the next session of the Senate, on Thursday. A subcommittee of eight members, four Democrats and four Republicans, will, it is understood, be designated to conduct the inquiry.

The question would have been decided to-day had it not been for the determination of the Senator from Wisconsin to prolong the controversy over the method of selecting the committee. After intimations of a filibuster he made a motion to adjourn, which was defeated by a vote of 10 to 10. Shortly afterward when it became obvious that the session would be unusually prolonged, a similar motion by Senator Martin carried.

## CONVICTED UNDER A NEW LAW

The first conviction under the amended law relating to grand larceny, intended to punish operators of the so-called "wire-tapping swindle," was obtained yesterday by Assistant District Attorney McCormick in General Sessions. John Hartmann was convicted of swindling Frederick Laufer, a retired baker of Harrisburg, Penn., out of \$12,000.

## BREAKS ALL MARRIAGE RECORDS

All records in the marriage license bureau in the City Hall were broken yesterday, when 271 licenses were issued between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. The nearest approach to this figure came on May 31 a year ago, when 221 licenses were issued in a single day.

## TWO DAILY BEDS FOR ACTORS

Widow Leaves \$10,000 to St. Luke's Hospital as an Endowment.

The will of Mrs. Catherine E. Daly, who died on April 17, was read for probate yesterday. She left to St. Luke's Hospital \$10,000 to be used for the use of actors and actresses who need medical treatment, the beds to bear the name of her husband, Henry F. Daly. The residue of the estate, the amount of which is not known, is bequeathed to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mrs. Daly provided in the following clause that

## EDISON WON'T COME FIRST

Has \$181,000 Claim, but Wants Other Creditors Paid.

Thomas A. Edison, who invested \$181,000 in the failed New Jersey and Pennsylvania Construction Company, refused to accept any payment from the receiver, Randolph Perkins, until the claims of the other creditors had been satisfied. This fact was made known yesterday to Vice-Chancellor Garrison in the chancery chambers, Jersey City, when the receiver applied for a rule to show cause why the plant of the company should not be turned over to Mr. Edison for his claim of \$181,000, as the investment of \$181,000 was over six years old and was outlawed by the statute of limitations.

## HEAT FINDS TWO VICTIMS

Man Jumps from Window, Calls Out Engines—Boy Drops at 'Tag.'

Two persons were prostrated by the hot wave that struck New York yesterday. Although two weeks ago the temperature reached a higher figure, the heat yesterday was accompanied by more humidity, causing greater suffering throughout the city.

The victims were Conrad Arcularius, thirty-eight years old, a driver, living at No. 142 Rosedale avenue, West Chester, and David Rudinsky, thirteen years old, of No. 33 Willett street.

Arcularius was overcome by the heat and went home shortly after noon. The heat had affected his mind, and a few minutes after he got home he jumped from the second story of his home to the sidewalk. Then he ran to the corner and pulled the fire alarm, bringing out several police companies and a hook and ladder.

He was arrested and taken by Dr. Steiner to Fordham Hospital and later was removed to Bellevue, where he will be held for observation.

With a thousand other pupils of Public School 34, in Sheriff street, young Rudinsky went to Van Cortlandt Park for an outing. Rudinsky and several of his companions played "tag." Suddenly he fell. He was picked up by a passerby and taken to Fordham Hospital, where it was said late last night he was resting comfortably.

The highest temperature yesterday was 79 degrees, at noon, and the lowest was 60. Fair and cooler weather is predicted by the Weather Bureau for to-day.

## KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Man and Two Horses Die—Another Man Hurt.

Elizabeth N. J., May 29.—One man was killed and another badly injured at the Bay Way grade crossing on the Long Branch division of the New Jersey Central Railroad, just outside of Elizabethport, to-day. Two horses were also killed. The dead man was Michael Mareski and the injured one Nicola De Polina.

They had started to drive a city refuse wagon over the crossing when their vehicle was struck by an express train southbound for Point Pleasant. There are no gates at the crossing, nor is there any flagman there, but warning of approaching trains is given by an electric bell. It is thought that the passing of a Baltimore & Ohio train on the trestle over the other tracks may have prevented the men from hearing the bell ring.

## CAPT. EMERSON DIVORCED

Wife Gets \$28,000 a Year and Home—Husband to Build.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Baltimore, May 29.—A decree of divorce was signed to-day for Mrs. Isaac E. Emerson against Captain Emerson, the millionaire drug manufacturer. This decree, which grants an absolute divorce, is understood to be agreeable to both sides. Captain Emerson first instituted action against his wife, making statutory charges, and this was followed by a cross bill. A second bill was later filed by Mrs. Emerson, asking for a divorce on the ground of desertion, and the decree was signed on this action. Mrs. Emerson gets alimony to the amount of \$28,000 annually and the family home in Eutaw Place. Captain Emerson has bought a site on the Severn River for a magnificent new home.

## FERRYBOAT IN DOCK AFIRE

Hoboken Gets a Scare at Small Blaze on Lackawanna's Secaucus.

The ferryboat Secaucus, belonging to the Lackawanna Railroad, took fire last night while lying in her slip between Dock 3, of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, and the ferryhouse in Hoboken. Since the great fire of 1901, when the docks of the North German Lloyd Company were swept by fire and many lives lost, a fire along the Hoboken waterfront always causes a scare, and as soon as Fire Headquarters heard that the ferryboat was ablaze a general alarm was sent out, and all the apparatus in Hoboken was quickly at the scene.

The Lackawanna company's apparatus was brought into play, and the fireboat Morristown, of the same company, also aided in fighting the blaze. The fire started in the furnace room, hot ashes igniting the woodwork. Within a few minutes half a dozen structures were being played on the flames, and in twenty minutes they were extinguished. The damage, it is said, will not exceed \$150.

## NO BLAME FOR PATROLMAN

Non-Committal Coroner's Verdict in Case of Schoolboy's Death.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Englewood, N. J., May 29.—An unusual situation prevailed here to-night at the end of Coroner Tracey's investigation into the death of John Riddick, the high school student who was fatally shot by Patrolman O'Neill on Friday night in mistake for a burglar. The jury rendered this verdict: "We find that John Riddick came to his death from a bullet wound on Friday night, May 25."

There was no evidence to show that O'Neill fired the fatal bullet, but the policeman has not denied this fact, and he placed young Riddick under arrest just after the shooting and at the end of a considerable chase. The accused policeman was not called as a witness. He was arrested late Saturday night on a warrant charging him with neglect of duty, and clearly leaves the warrant in full effect. O'Neill is to be left here in charge of the chief of police instead of being taken to the county jail at Hackensack.